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DEBTS

When, in 1925, the University was begun, and work on the building was started, the administrators thought best to begin construction on a large scale, little knowing that a depression far exceeding any of the past was just around the corner. Consequently, work was started on a half-million dollar building. After some sixty-five thousand dollars had been invested, the depression arrived. Attempts to keep the work advancing resulted in additional investment.

In 1930 the University opened its borrowed doors (in the abandoned county high school building) to students. Once again funds were needed, money borrowed, and debts incurred.

In 1933 radical changes in policies put the institution on practically a cash basis. Faculty members agreed to teach on a percentage basis and to give back to the institution such amount as remained unpaid at the end of each year. Salaries owed from previous years totaled some twenty thousand dollars, since reduced to seventeen thousand.

Obligations outside these salaries have been reduced greatly, and today the University is on a firmer financial basis than ever before. But there are still outside obligations to pay. It is the earnest prayer of teachers and students that the obligations above that owed the faculty might be wiped out. How wonderful it would be to face the day knowing we owed no one but ourselves! A program will be launched within the next month aiming definitely at the liquidation of all outside obligations. Surely God's work should be free of the burden of debt.

HARRY RITNER SPEAKS

Writing preceded Abraham as far as Abraham preceded Jesus", stated Dr. Harry Ritter in speaking on Bryan Hill Jan. 15th. That writing was known as far back as 3800 or even 4000 B.C. was the astounding statement made by the prominent archeologist and pastor from Duluth.

Speaking from the text, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy" (I Peter 1:19), Dr. Ritter declared that the definiteness of prophecy already fulfilled certifies the authority of that yet to come to pass.

Historicity of forty-three Gentile kings whose names are found in the Old Testament and in no other writings up until twenty-five years ago has now been established by archeological findings, in which every account touching on the Biblical story of the Canaanites, even to the identical spelling of their names.

JUNIORS MEET SENIORS

Members of the Junior class and their sponsor were so desirous of a good food and fellowship that they fed themselves early in the month. Each member furnishing one dish for the benefit of all, a regular buffet supper was served at the home of the class president, Elizabeth Iboro. Following the supper, plans for the Frederic concert were made.

STANLEY SINGS

During the intermission in the Jerold Frederic piano concert the girls sextet of the University sang "Carmena" and "The Little Quaker Maid". Recently they sang at the revival services in town.

BRYAN APPEALS IN "DRENNEN"

While visiting the University before Christmas Dr. Gerold B. Winrod asked for an article concerning the "Anti-Revolution" (Scopes) trial, held in 1925 in Dayton. It was at this trial that William Jennings Bryan gloriously gave his life in defense of the Word of God, as an outgrowth of which sacrifice the University was established to perpetuate his memory and to carry on the fight against apostasy and modernism. Christians or others interested in a review of the momentous event which sent more words ticking over the Atlantic cables than any other previous event are urged to obtain a copy of the January DEFENDER.

DAYTON REVIVAL

Under the ministry of Brother Roy Austin, of the Chattanooga Bible Institute, the old Lyric Theatre has been used since the tenth of January as a gospel center. God has blessed the meeting with saved souls and revived Christians. In connection with

the revival a number of faculty members and students are doing visitation work in the town. The prayers of Christian friends that Dayton might indeed be revived and many souls saved are invited.

VALENTINE PARTY

On Saturday, the thirteenth, one of these good times will be enjoyed at the Cedar Hill dormitory when the young ladies of the institution entertain the young men and faculty.

DR. BROOKS

"Jonah" was the topic on which Dr. Fred L. Brooks, well-known Bible teacher and pastor of the White Oak Baptist Church, of Chattanooga, spoke in chapel on the third.

Dr. Brooks discussed the story, the sayings, and the signs of Jonah.

Classifying the four chapters in his typically alliterative way he declared that they showed Jonah as the prodigal, the praying, the preaching, and the pouting prophet; or as the presumptive, penitent, pardoned, protesting prophet; or as the disobedient, the delivered, the dutiful, and the disgruntled prophet.

A visitor on Bryan Hill before, Dr. Brooks was accompanied on this trip by both his daughter and Mrs. Bohanan. He is always a welcome visitor.

FAMOUS PIANIST HERE

Coming to Dayton under the auspices of the Junior Class of the University Jerald Frederic proved to be a most enjoyable and interesting attraction to the students and a few Daytonians. His superb rendition of the Hungarian Rhapsody #2 and Liebes-traum, both by Liszt, was equalled in the playing of the Grandes Variations of Bach-Liszt. In his very limited musical education this writer has seldom seen anything to equal the talent of this young musician. Dayton was most fortunate to have him.

STEAM HEAT

Prayers of many months have been answered, and classrooms and both dormitories are now steam heated. Those who have never lived through a winter in rooms poorly and inadequately heated by "cannon-ball" stoves will little appreciate the blessing which is now ours. Hand in hand with the blessing named go also combined economy and comfort. Praise the Lord for His goodness to us as He has worked through our friends in supplying this need.

CLASSES TO DEBATE

The Debating Club is sponsoring inter-class debating -- it promises to be good, for talent is plentiful and evenly divided.

DR. WILSON COMING

For the past three years it has been the hope of President Rudd and others that Dr. Walter Wilson, of Kansas City, would come to the University for a series of services. Prayers have resulted in his coming, God willing, to be with us from April eleventh through the eighteenth. Dr. Wilson is a well-known Bible teacher, personal worker, and author of Christian books.

MRS. RIMMER AT BRYAN

Though Dr. Harry Rimmer had been at Bryan previously as a conference speaker, it was not until last month that Mrs. Rimmer visited the school. Now that you know us, Mrs. Rimmer, come again.

ARMY CHAPLAIN SPEAKS

On January 29th the chapel group was addressed by Captain H. L. Driscoll, CCC chaplain of this area, with headquarters at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. The chaplain read and commented on the passage in the tenth of Mark concerning the rich young ruler.

He came as the guest of the Baptist Student Union and was introduced by Ralph Toliver, president of the organization. He was accompanied on his visit by Mrs. Driscoll.

OPENING PARTY

On the sixth of January faculty and students gathered at the Cotagon for an old-fashioned get-together. Folks who think Christians don't have good times should attend such a gathering and learn what a good time really is--one that does not waken you in the morning to a pain-wracked head and a sin-torn conscience.

BROTHER AUSTIN

"It is not sinlessness of nature, but holiness of walk... If you want to be sanctified, get the sanctifier... Sin is not dead to you, but you are dead to sin in the person of your substitute... God does not want a one of his children to live a defeated Christian life."

There were a few very arrow shots taken by Brother Roy Austin in a recent chapel meeting.

EASTER MUSIC

In keeping with the custom of the past, the University will present an Easter Cantata in one of the local churches. Singers have been selected and met for the first practice on the fifth. Miss Yancy will be director of the cantata -- "Everlasting Life" -- and Mrs. Fish will accompany the singers. Both students and members of the faculty will be used in the choruses.